

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**CHARLESTON DIVISION**

PAUL CURTIS FIKE,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:15-cv-00018

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Complaint seeking judicial review of the decision of the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, Carolyn W. Colvin ("Commissioner"). (ECF No. 2.) On January 6, 2015, this action was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Dwane L. Tinsley for submission of proposed findings and a recommendation ("PF&R"). (ECF No. 4.) Magistrate Judge Tinsley filed his PF&R, (ECF No. 13), on February 1, 2016, recommending that this Court reverse the final decision of the Commissioner and remand this matter pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

The Court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of de novo review and a party's right to appeal this Court's Order. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *see also Snyder v. Ridenour*, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989); *United States v. Schronce*, 727 F.2d 91, 94 (4th Cir. 1984). In addition, this Court need not

conduct a de novo review when a party “makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the Court to a specific error in the magistrate’s proposed findings and recommendations.” *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982).

Objections to the PF&R in this case were due on February 19, 2016. To date, no objections have been filed.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the PF&R (ECF No. 13), **GRANTS** Plaintiff’s motion for judgment on the pleadings, (ECF No. 10), **DENIES** the Commissioner’s request for judgment on the pleadings, (ECF No. 11), **REMANDS** this matter for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and **DISMISSES** this action from the Court’s docket.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: February 25, 2016



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THOMAS E. JOHNSTON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE